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Applicant : Shinsuke FUKUDA et al.

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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING SEPARATOR TO  
ELECTRODE PLATE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 28, 2003, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on January 28, 2003, Applicants submit the amendments and remarks as follows for entry in the above-identified patent application and request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application, in due course:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.